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CHESTER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, 1952

To the Chairman and Members of the Chester Port Health Authority.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my **Annual Report for 1952**.

This Report has been drawn up in accordance with "Form Port 20"
issued by the Ministry of Health.

J. LLEWELLYN JONES, M.O.H.

Section I.—Staff.

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Section II.—Amount of Shipping entering the District during the year:

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected.		No. of Vessels reported as having or having had during voyage Inf. Disease on Board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign	27	15343.	20	27	Nil
Eire Republic	97	22563.	6	12	Nil
Coastwise	196	28720.	8	20	Nil
Total Foreign and Coastwise & Eire Republic	320	66626.	34	59	Nil

Section III.—Character of Shipping and Trade during the year:

Passenger Traffic—Nil.

Cargo Traffic—Principal Imports: Wood Pulp, Muriate of Potash, Rock Phosphate, Gypsum, Timber, Pig Iron, Scrap Iron.

Principal Exports: Telegraph Poles, Electric Components, Lamp Shades, Cement, Coal, Slurry, Bricks, Tiles, Sanitary Goods, Phosphate, Machinery and Rubber.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive: Hamburg, Gefle, Svartvik, Sundval, Stockholm, Huson, Rouen, Preston, Bristol, Uddvalid, Antwerp.

Section IV.—Inland Barge Traffic: Nil.

Section V.—Water Supply. Source of Supply: Holywell R.D.C. and Connah's Quay U.D.C.

Reports of Tests: The sample showed no evidence of contamination. Precautions were taken against contamination of hydrants and hosespipes.

There are no Water Boats in the area of this Authority.

Section VI.—Hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases will be provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Section VII.—Smallpox: Cases of Smallpox from the Port of Chester will be treated at the Isolation Hospital, New Ferry, Cheshire.

Ambulance: Cases of Smallpox will be transferred to hospital by the Cheshire County Ambulance Service. Steps will be taken to ensure that the ambulance crews have been recently vaccinated.

Names of Consultants Available: Dr. Semple, Deputy M.O.H., City of Liverpool; Dr. E. R. Pierce, Senior Assistant Port Medical Officer.

Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox: At School of Hygiene, Liverpool.

Section VIII.—Venereal Diseases: Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Diseases amongst Merchant Seamen would be carried out at Chester Royal Infirmary.

Section IX.—No cases of Notifiable or other Infectious Diseases occurred on any of the ships entering the Port during the year.

Section X.—No cases of Malaria occurred on board any of the ships entering the Port during the year.

Section XI.—No ship entered the Port with suspected Plague on board.

Section XII.—The Sanitary Inspector reported that 7 rats were removed from a coastwise ship. No rats were taken from foreign ships.

Bacteriological and Pathological Examination of Rats would be carried out at the Liverpool School of Hygiene.

Section XIII.—Inspection of Ships for Nuisances: 93 ships were inspected. Of these, 19 were found to have a "nuisance" on board. On complaint being made to the Master, these conditions were abated. No Statutory Notices were served.

Section XIV.—Shell Fish Regulations: Certain of the Shell Fish beds are liable to pollution. A Sterilisation Plant for Shell Fish has been established at Hoylake.